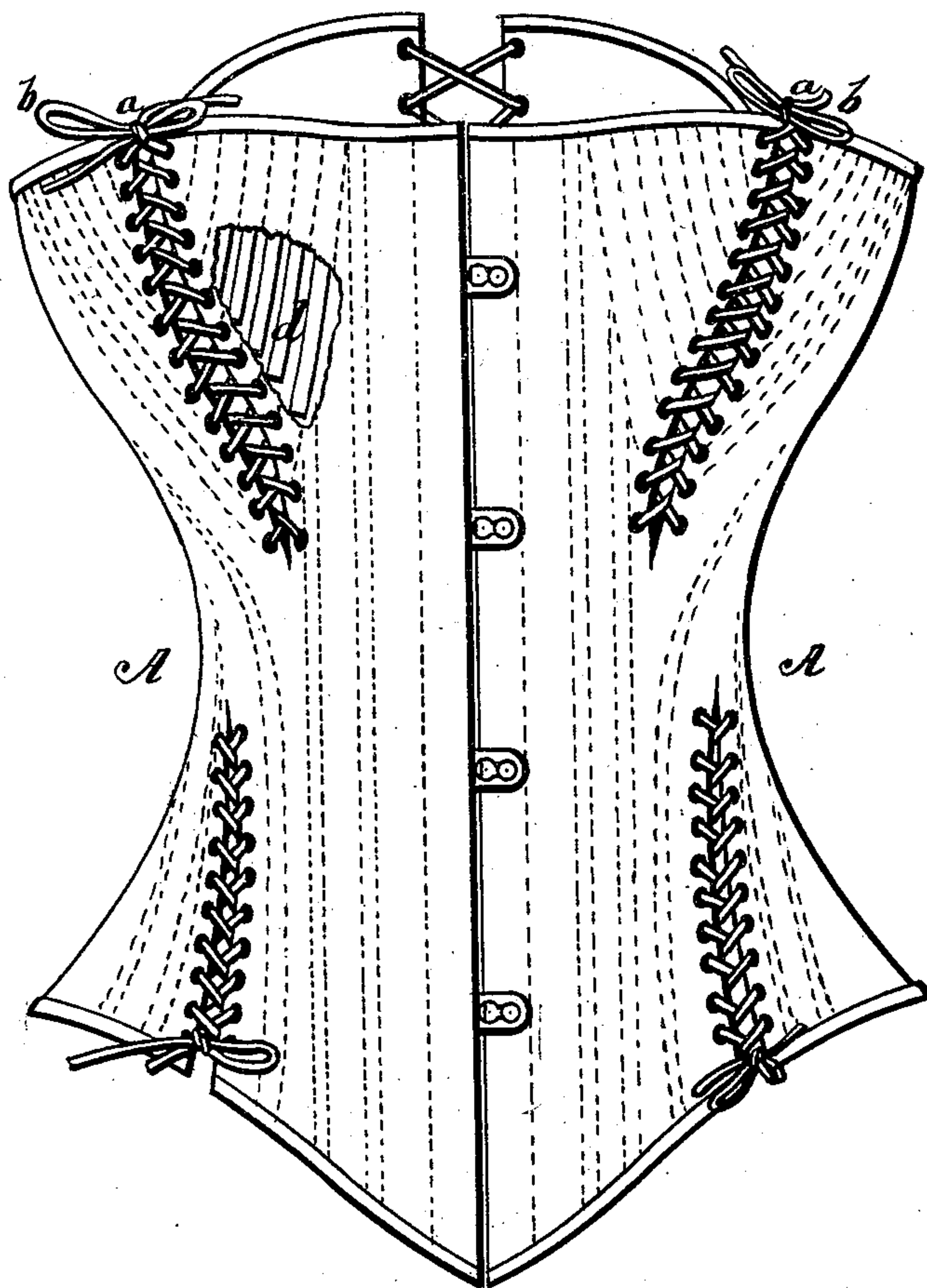


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Corset.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CORSETS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, E. KOYL BULLOCK, of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Corsets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

The figure of the drawing is a front view of my corset.

My invention relates to corsets; and it consists in the construction and arrangement of the parts constituting an improved corset, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth, and pointed out in the claim.

The annexed drawing, to which reference is made, fully illustrates my invention.

A A represent the two parts of a corset, laced together at the back, and fastened at the front by the ordinary clasps or other suitable means. The front portion of each part A is provided with a slit at *a* from the upper edge downward for a suitable distance. This slit is made directly in the center, just in the proper place to fit the bosom, and the two sides of the slit are then laced together by lacing-strings *b*.

At the sides of the slit *a* whalebones *d* are inserted in diagonal or inclined form, and of varying lengths, as shown, to keep the bosom part of the corset in the required rounded form.

By means of the center slits *a* and the lacing-strings *b* this part of the corset can be adjusted to any desired size without misplacing the bosom or in any way disturbing its natural position.

I am fully aware that a corset has been made with a cut in one side of the bust for the purpose of adjusting the corset to the bosom. Also, I am aware that a corset having the bust portion provided with a central slit and lacing-strings is not new; and therefore I do not claim such, broadly.

By my invention the bosom will in all cases retain its natural position.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The improved corset herein described, consisting of only two parts, A A, laced together at the back, and fastened at the front by the clasps, the front portion of each part being provided with a bosom-slit, *a*, from the upper edge downward for a suitable distance, and the two sides of the slit provided with short whalebones *d*, arranged diagonally, as shown, for holding that portion of the corset in the desired position, and with lacing-strings, as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

E. KOYL BULLOCK.

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